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The reply brief filed November 2, 2009 has been entered and considered. The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.

The Request for Oral Hearing filed November 2, 2009 is acknowledged. The Examiner does not plan on attending the hearing.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Examiner Paul B. Prebilitic whose telephone number is (571) 272-4758. He can normally be reached on 6:30-5:00 M-Th.

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